

ORDINANCE NO. 14729

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 53 - 2009

JUNE 17, 2009

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2009 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to the Health Bureau's Injury Prevention Program budget to enable the purchase of child passenger safety seats and carbon monoxide detectors for distribution to City residents.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars, reflecting receipt funding from Pennsylvania Department of Health

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to accounts in the Department of Community and Economic Development, Health Bureau, as follows:

**Bureau of Health
Injury Prevention:**

000-09-0908-0002-68	Operating Materials and Supplies	7,500
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SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.		
Tony Phillips	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the 21st day of July, 2009.


 CITY CLERK

- **What Department or Bureau is the Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

Health

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

Pennsylvania Department of Health granted the Health Bureau \$7,500 to purchase child passenger safety seats and carbon monoxide detectors to be distributed as part of the injury prevention program.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish
 - What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this
 - How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

The bill allows the Health Bureau to purchase these items, 100% reimbursable by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, to be distributed to residents who cannot afford them. Child passenger safety seats are required by law for all children under 4 years of riding in motor vehicles and are proven injury prevention device. Although not required by law, carbon monoxide detectors are highly recommended for homes, especially dwellings with oil, gas or other fossil fuel heating systems. The benefit to the City is that both safety items save lives, reduce injury and complement public safety initiatives. Prevention of injury and injury death is part of the City's mission.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - Cost (Initial and ongoing)
 - Benefits (initial and ongoing)

The grant allows the Health Bureau to purchase these devices on a one time only basis. Residents in need of these and unable to afford them will benefit while supplies last. Other grants for these devices will be pursued.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.

Pennsylvania Department of Health

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

We must purchase these safety devices between July 1st and September 30th.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

These safety devices are necessary to ensure the safety of our residents. Due to the expense of these items, many residents cannot afford to purchase them. Providing these items protects family members and complements our safety message to them and to the community.